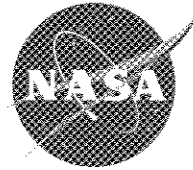


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FROM: Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Widely Attended Gathering Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and the California Institute of Technology Breakfast Reception on February 11, 2009

On February 11, 2009, the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and California Institute of Technology will host and sponsor a breakfast reception at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, and Flight and the Arts Gallery, in Washington, D. C., from 8:00am-9:30am. The Museum has as its major sponsors various contractors in the aerospace industry, including contractors for NASA.

The breakfast reception will be attended by senior leaders of the aerospace industry, trade associations, the media, congressional staffs, and other Federal personnel, including military officers. Approximately 200 people have been invited and 200 are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the breakfast, which includes all food and beverages is \$15.00 per person. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g).

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. The event is considered a significant academic and programmatic event, with speakers, exhibitions, presentations, and informed and candid discussions. Attendance at the breakfast will allow NASA representatives to celebrate the opening of the exhibit "Spectacular Saturn: Images from the Cassini-Huygens Mission". Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, or a majority or all of its members, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the breakfast for themselves.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and the California Institute of Technology or its members, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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Adam F. Greenstone